



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 21, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- On June 20, chief minister MK Stalin – inaugurated 'Kalaingar Kottam', a memorial for former chief minister M Karunanidhi at Kattur in Tiruvarur, alongwith his sister Selvi.



- ✓ Originally, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar was scheduled to open the memorial, but his visit was cancelled at the last minute due to health reasons.
- ✓ The memorial at Kattur, the hometown of former CM Karunanidhi's mother Anjugam Ammal, is a 7,000 sqm structure, constructed at a cost of Rs. 12 crore from Dayalu Ammal Trust.
- ✓ The structure houses a statue of Dr. M. Karunanidhi, carved out of white marble, Muthuvelar library, a museum, two auditoriums, two theatres, a selfie point and a photo point.
- ✓ Deputy chief minister of Bihar Tejashwi Prasad Yadav inaugurated the Muthuvelar library at Kalaingar Kottam
- ✓ The Kottam was built as a part of Kalaingar's centenary birthday celebrations

STATES

- On June 20, the Punjab Legislative Assembly - unanimously passed the Punjab Police (Amendment) Bill, 2023



- ✓ As per the Bill, the state seeks to appoint the head of the state police force itself by taking the selection process out of the sole purview of the union public service commission (UPSC)
- ✓ According to the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, when “public order” and “police” appear in the state list of the Constitution, the state legislature is exclusively empowered to enact such laws.
- ✓ The amendment bill will now go to the governor Banwarilal Purohit for his assent.
- ✓ Punjab is the third state to pass legislation, after Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, to take the process out of the UPSC’s purview.
 - ✓ The amendments to the relevant acts in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, in 2018, have received assent from the governors of the two states.
- ✓ The Punjab Police (Amendment) Bill, 2023 shall constitute a seven-member empanelment committee, headed by a retired chief justice or retired judge of the Punjab and Haryana high court, for selection of the state police chief.
 - ✓ The empanelment committee will have nominees from the UPSC as well as the Union home ministry as members
 - ✓ Besides, it will also have the Punjab chief secretary, chairman or nominee of the Punjab public service commission, administrative secretary of the state department of home affairs and justice, and a retired Punjab police chief.
 - ✓ The committee shall prepare a panel of three senior-most officers out of the pool of eligible IPS officers.
 - ✓ The selection of the state DGP shall be on the basis of length of service, record and range of experience, and selection will be made on merit from a pool of eligible officers.
- **On June 20, the Punjab legislative assembly - passed the Punjab Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023 to replace the governor with the Chief Minister as the chancellor of state-run universities**
- ✓ With this, Punjab becomes the fourth state after Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu to pass such a bill.
- ✓ However, in none of the three states the bill has become a legislation as the respective governors have not given their nod.

- ✓ According to the CM Bhagwant Mann, the governor, who knows nothing about the state, is empowered (as chancellor) to appoint vice-chancellors, which is totally unfair
- ✓ He further said men of high integrity, prudence and repute need to be appointed as university vice chancellors to carry forward the rich culture, traditions and legacy of the state.
- ✓ The Bill will now be sent to governor Banwarilal Purohit for his assent.

NATIONAL

- **The Union Cabinet - cleared an over Rs 22,000-crore (\$2.7-billion) investment by American chipmaker Micron for setting up a semiconductor unit in the country.**
 - ✓ The cabinet approval comes ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States this week.
 - ✓ Micron is among the top semiconductor companies in the world, and plans to set up a semiconductor testing and packaging unit within the country.
 - ✓ The decision is expected to be announced while PM Modi is in the US, with the PM scheduled to meet Micron CEO Sanjay Mehrotra.
 - ✓ The facility is expected to be built in Sanand, Gujarat to generate over 5,000 jobs.
 - ✓ The government will provide production-linked incentives worth Rs.11,000 crore (\$1.34 billion) for the semiconductor plant
 - ✓ Currently, no unit in India manufactures semiconductor chips, and hence, the government had announced a Rs 76,000-crore incentive package in December 2021 for attracting companies.
- **On June 20, Infosys cofounder Nandan Nilekani - announced a donation of Rs.315 crore (\$ 38.5 million) to IIT Bombay, marking 50 years of his association with the institute**
 - ✓ Nilekani joined the institute in 1973 for a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.



- ✓ The endowment takes Nilekani's cumulative contribution to Rs.400 crore adding up on his previous grant of Rs.85 crore, which was partly used to build hostel facilities.
 - ✓ This is the highest single private donation in the IIT system and in the Indian university space.
 - ✓ Nilekani signed the MoU in Bengaluru in the presence of professor Subhasis Chaudhuri, director of IIT Bombay, and three former directors.
 - ✓ He has become the anchor donor in the institute's plan to raise \$500 million (Rs.4,200 crore) by 2030.
 - ✓ The funds would be deployed to accelerate R&D and step up infrastructure.
 - ✓ In the last financial year, IIT Bombay raised Rs.180 crore from donors.
 - ✓ Nandan Nilekani is also the founding chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India in the rank of a cabinet minister from 2009-2014
- **On June 19, Union road transport minister Nitin Gadkari - announced that he has approved a proposal to make ACs mandatory in all truck cabins from 2025**
- ✓ The decision is aimed at providing much-needed comfort to drivers who often spend 11-12 hours in their sweaty truck cabins
 - ✓ The tough work conditions and long hours on the road are often cited as a key reason for driver fatigue and accidents.

INTERNATIONAL

- **On June 20, China - signed a deal worth \$4.8 billion with Pakistan to set up a 1,200-megawatt nuclear power plant.**
- ✓ Beijing will build the plant at Chashma in the Mianwali district of Punjab.
 - ✓ In his address, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif termed the signing as a token of increasing economic cooperation between the two countries.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

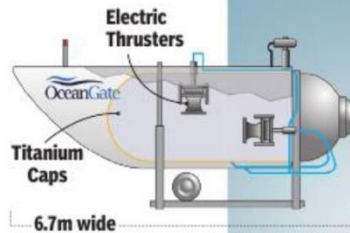
- ✓ **A Titanic submersible 'Titan' carrying five people to the site of the Titanic wreckage off the Canadian coast - went missing in the North Atlantic Ocean**
- ✓ The vessel lost contact with the Polar Prince - a support ship - after about one hour and 45 minutes into its descent on June 18
- ✓ The five people — one pilot and four crew members — on board reportedly include - British billionaire Hamish Harding, Pakistani businessman Shahzada Dawood, and his son Suleman, founder and CEO of the operating company OceanGate Stockton Rush, and veteran French diver Paul-Henry Nargeolet.
- ✓ According to the US coast guards, the submersible has enough oxygen to last the five people on board for 96 hours.
- ✓ A submersible is a small boat or other craft, designed especially for research and exploration.

VESSEL VANISHES ON DIVE TO TITANIC WRECK

Submersible Titan set off on Sunday morning with five people on board to explore the **Titanic shipwreck site off Newfoundland** – and hasn't been heard from since

Lost contact with surface ship one hour and 45 minutes after it started its dive

It is made of titanium and carbon fibre, weighs about 21,000 pounds, is 22 feet by 9.2 feet by 8.3 feet



Those Confirmed To Be Missing

Hamish Harding | UK businessman and a veteran deepwater diver



Shahzada Dawood |

Scion of one of Pak's wealthiest families; vice chair of Engro Corporation



Paul-Henry Nargeole | French maritime & Titanic expert



Was travelling nearly **13,000 feet down** to the shipwreck site



Titanic shipwreck

Titanic sank on April 15, 1912, after hitting an iceberg

Graphic: Sunil Singh



What Could Have Happened

Power cut | Could have caused loss of communication

Short circuit | Can cause a fire on board, ruin the vessel's systems, create toxic fumes in a small space

Flooding | At the depths of the Titanic, the immense pressure would cause most vessels to implode

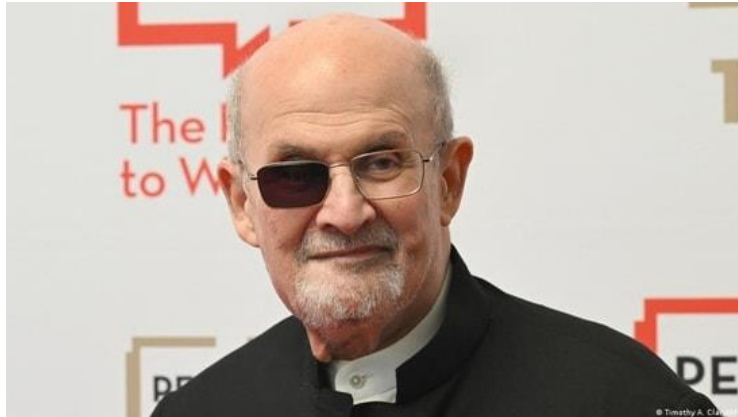
Entanglement | With strong currents underwater and a field of Titanic debris, the submersible could be trapped or find its path blocked

International team, including the American and Canadian Coast Guards, commercial vessels, **sonar buoys** and aircraft have been involved in the search

- ✓ While a submarine has enough power to leave port and come back to port under its own power, a submersible needs a mother ship that can launch and recover it.
- ✓ The submersibles are white tubes of about 6.7 meters long and 2.8 meters wide, and have a top speed of three knots or 5.5 kilometers (3.5 miles) an hour
- ✓ The missing Titan submersible is owned by the company OceanGate.
- ✓ According to OceanGate, the Titan is a 23,000-pound submersible made of carbon fibre and titanium
- ✓ Titan is said to be the only crewed submersible in the world that can take five people as deep as 4,000 meters enabling it to reach almost 50% of the world's oceans.
- ✓ The company charges up to \$250,000 to take guests to the site of the Titanic.
- ✓ OceanGate Expeditions reportedly uses Elon Musk's Starlink to communicate while in the ocean.
- ✓ The Titan began deep-sea ventures related to the Titanic in 2021.

AWARDS

- ✓ **British-American author Salman Rushdie - has been awarded the prestigious German peace prize for his literary works.**



- ✓ The author has lived under serious and constant threat to his life ever since Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini issued a fatwa against him in 1989
- ✓ The award ceremony will be held on October 22, this year in the Church of St. Paul during the Frankfurt Book Fair.
- ✓ The Satanic Verses writer will receive a sum of €25,000 as part of the award
- ✓ Born on June 19, 1947, in Bombay, Ahmed Salman Rushdie's name is best known worldwide for his 1988 novel The Satanic Verses, a story inspired by the life of Islamic Prophet Muhammad
- ✓ It also prompted Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to declare a fatwa against the author.
- ✓ The sentence led to several failed assassination attempts on the author, including an attack in August 2022, shortly before the publication of Rushdie's most recent novel, Victory City.
- ✓ Rushdie served as the president of the PEN American Center from 2004 to 2006, and then as chairman of the PEN World Voices International Literary Festival for 10 years.
- ✓ The prize, created in 1950, recognizes a personality committed to serving international understanding between nations and cultures through their work.
- ✓ Last year, the award went to Ukrainian author Serhiy Zhadan, while previous recipients include, among others, Margaret Atwood, Orhan Pamuk, Susan Sontag, Amos Oz, Vaclav Havel.

SPORTS

- ✓ **Spain - beat Croatia on penalties to record their first-ever UEFA Nations League title at De Kuip in Rotterdam on June 18**
- ✓ Spain's other previous titles came in the 2010 World Cup and the European Championships in 1964, 2008 and 2012



- ✓ Midfielder Rodri has four titles this season after also winning a historic treble with his club, Manchester City.
- ✓ He was named the player of the Nations League tournament to cap his memorable year.
- ✓ Croatia finished second at the World Cup in 2018 and third in Qatar last year
- ✓ Meanwhile, Italy defeated the Netherlands to secure third place in the Nations League for the second time in two attempts.
- ✓ **On June 20, Portugal soccer legend, Cristiano Ronaldo - became the first men's footballer to play 200 international matches**
- ✓ Ronaldo achieved the feat during Portugal's European Championship 2024 qualifying win over Iceland at Reykjavik's Laugardalsvollur stadium
- ✓ The Portugal captain scored the winning goal in a 1-0 victory against Iceland.

MEN'S FOOTBALL MOST INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES

Matches	Player	Country
199	Cristiano Ronaldo	Portugal
196	Bader Al-Mutawa	Kuwait
195	Soh Chin Ann	Malaysia
184	Ahmed Hassan	Egypt
183	Ahmed Mubarak	Oman

● The number of international caps for Lionel Messi (Argentina) and Sunil Chhetri (India) stands at 175 and 137, respectively.



- ✓ Before the kick-off against Iceland, Ronaldo received a Guinness World Record plaque to commemorate becoming the first male player to appear in 200 international matches.
- ✓ It was Ronaldo's 123rd goal for Portugal, extending his record as the all-time leading international goalscorer surpassing Iranian Ali Daei.
- ✓ Ronaldo, who plays for Saudi club Al-Nassr, already holds the record for most international appearances
 - ✓ In March, Ronaldo surpassed Kuwait's Bader Al-Mutawa's record of 196 matches during Portugal's Euro 2024 qualifier against Liechtenstein.
- ✓ At the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, Ronaldo became the first male football player to score in five different World Cups.
- ✓ A five-time Ballon d'Or winner, Ronaldo has led his country Portugal to success at Euro 2016 and the inaugural UEFA Nations League three years later.
- ✓ At the age of 21 years and 132 days, Ronaldo became his country's youngest scorer at a World Cup when he converted a penalty against Iran at the 2006 finals in Germany.
- ✓ While Ronaldo is the record holder when it comes to men's internationals, the overall record is held by former USWNT player and 2015 U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame inductee Kristine Lilly with 354 international appearances.
- ✓ Ronaldo made his international debut at 18 as a substitute, coming on for another Portuguese icon Luis Figo, in August 2003.